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In Reissue Application of:

Patent Owner: **David Holliday**
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For: **ATHLETIC BREAST AND CHEST PROTECTOR**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

TO: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

By way of Preliminary Amendment in the within Reissue application, Applicant adds the following claims:

5. A chest and breast protector for women, comprising an internal breast plate formed as a unitary member so as to comprise a right cup, a left cup and a center sternum area, wherein said center sternum area is positioned between said right cup and said left cup, and said right cup and said left cup are each connected to said center sternum area, and wherein said center sternum area has flexibility therein along a longitudinal axis passing between said right cup and said left cup.

6. A chest and breast protector for women as described in claim 5, wherein said center sternum area comprises an upper hinge and a lower hinge, and a void which is positioned between said upper hinge and said lower hinge and which is oriented generally vertically.

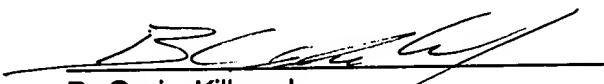
7. A chest and breast protector for women as described in claim 5, further comprising a resilient encasement which surrounds said internal breast plate.

8. A chest and breast protector for women as described in claim 6, further comprising a resilient encasement which surrounds said internal breast plate.

9. A chest and breast protector for women as described in claim 5, wherein said internal breast plate further comprises at least one vent therein.

10. A chest and breast protector for women as described in claim 7, wherein said internal breast plate further comprises at least one vent therein.

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